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What's happening in Springvale

Community profile

Greater Dandenong is the second most diverse community in Australia, with residents from over 150 birthplaces. Over half (60%) of the population were born overseas, with 55% from nations where English is not the main spoken language, double the Melbourne metropolitan average of 26%. Birthplaces include Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, India, China, Italy, Greece, Bosnia, Afghanistan, New Zealand and Britain. The number of Greater Dandenong residents born overseas rose 13,700 between 2006-2011 including more than 6000 Indian-born residents, nearly 2000 Sir Lankans, 1100 Vietnamese and 900 Afghans.

Nearly two-thirds (64%) of Greater Dandenong residents speak languages other than English- the largest proportion in Victoria and double the metropolitan average of 31%- including Vietnamese, Khmer, Chinese, Greek, Punjabi and Sinhalese.

Greater Dandenong Girl Guiding

Noble Park currently operates two Girl Guide Units, one for girls 7-11 years old and one for girls 10- 15 years old.

These two Units were the first in the State to be awarded the Silver Diversity Award in celebration of their ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Springvale currently operates one Unit for girls aged 9-15 years old. There are currently spaces available to join this wonderful Unit- email welcome@guidesvic.org.au

A new Girl Guide Unit for Springvale

In Term Three 2014 a brand new Girl Guide Unit will open to provide greater opportunities for the girls of Springvale and surrounds aged from 5-9 years old. This Unit will run on a Wednesday afternoon and expressions of interest can be sent to: welcome@guidesvic.org.au

Girl Guides Victoria will be visiting local schools and community groups to run information sessions to provide more information on Girl Guiding to parents interested in Guiding for their daughters - or volunteering themselves.

Springvale community partnerships

Girl Guides Victoria is proud to have entered an exciting community partnership with the Springvale Learning and Activities Centre (SLAC).



Connecting Community

Together, Girl Guides Victoria and SLAC will run innovative projects to help bring greater opportunities to the girls and women of Springvale. These projects will reach out to all girls and women including migrants and refugees.

GLOW Project- Training opportunities for local migrant and refugee women

Girl Guides Victoria is joining with Springvale Learning and Activities Centre, Springvale Neighbourhood House and the Springvale Indo Chinese Mutual Association to offer a program titled **Guiding Leadership Opportunities for Women- GLOW**.

This program will offer local women the chance to undertake a specialised program covering topics such as: Conversational English, Computing, Volunteering, First Aid and Leadership.

Women who complete the full course will earn two recognised qualifications- the Girl Guides Australia Leader of Youth qualification and a Certificate 3 or 4 in an area such as Volunteer Coordination (certificate tbc).

To demonstrate competency in these qualifications, women will be given Work Placement in one of the two Springvale Girl Guide Units. This placement will not only help them practise their skills and complete their qualification but to undertake a meaningful role in their community by mentoring young girls and women through Girl Guiding.

Express interest for GLOW via: welcome@guidesvic.org.au

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